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SHIPBUILDING OUTLOOK.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Edinburgh, September 8th.

Events seem to be conspiring to render
impossible the work of ship construction
in Scotland. For the second month in
succession not one general trading vessel
has been launched on the Clyde, and the
output of the river has consisted of a few
small craft of special types. Never before
in the history of the river, has the lead-
ing shipbuilding area of the world, had
there been two such months. The vessels
were, from the industrial point of view,
insignificant, and their aggregate tonnage
was pathetically small. No contracts for
commercial vessels have been announced on
the river since early in July, and unless
there is an almost immediate improve-
ment in industry none can be anticipated
in the near future. Owners cannot place
orders because tonnage built at present
costs will not pay at present rates of
freight, while costs cannot be cut any low-
er than they are. As if this were not
enough, the overtime and night-shift dis-
pute remains unsettled, and the
iron-workers for whom there is employ-
ment are walking the streets or
emigrating. The Executive Council of the
Kilmarnock Society continue to reject
an agreement which is being operated by
the other shipyard unions, and in conse-
quence, their members cannot obtain em-
ployment in "federated" establishments.
All this is leading towards a stoppage of
work more complete than has ever been
experienced in the past, and one from
which recovery will be an extremely
difficult and protracted process. The need
of the moment is the greatest possible
measure of co-operation among shipowners,
shipbuilders, and ship constructors, in
order to nurse the industry back to econ-
omic health and strength. Instead, there
is the minimum of co-operation, and every-
one concerned appears to be fighting for
his own hand.

LEWIS OFFERED AS A FREE GIFT.

After five stormy years with the tur-
bulent waters of the Island of Lewis,
Lord Leverhulme has taken the sensational
step of announcing the offer of the whole
land, including Stornoway Castle and
policies, and all the sporting lodges, with
sporting rights, to the people as a free
gift. Writing at this moment the only
comment that can be made upon the gift
is conveyed in the words of the Provost of
Stornoway—the capital of the island—"the
most sceptical must realise that by his
magnificent offer Lord Leverhulme had
heaped coals of fire on the heads of the
very small percentage of the population
who had opposed his schemes."

In the course of a long statement his
Lordship says that as he had explained
at their first meeting together, he was not
interested in Lewis by any love of sport,
such as fishing, game shooting, or deer
stalking, but entirely by the possibilities
he recognised in Lewis of doing something
in his small way within the limits of his
capacity for the permanent benefit of the
people of the island. But he had found
too much opposition and he had resolved
therefore that he should make a gift of
the whole of the Island of Lewis, as it
preached, it from the late proprietor,
Colonel Matheson, exclusive of most of
the industries I had commenced here, or
any of the property I had bought that
might remain on my hands in connection
with the town-planning scheme or other
developments. He proposes that the
Castle should be used as a Town Hall and
Library and the surrounding grounds as a
public park. "My earnest wish is that
the intended recipients may see their way
to accept my offer. The change of owner-
ship should create an entirely different
atmosphere and view-point, and I sincere-
ly hope this atmosphere and view-point
will all be favourable to the future pro-
gress and welfare of Lewis. I am leaving
Lewis with deep regrets, but carrying
with me the happiest recollections of my five
years' residence among the people of
Lewis, and my warmest welcome and
support. I have always received, practi-
cally unanimously, from all, I hope you
will receive my proposals as indicating my
desire, when leaving Lewis, to do all in
my power to secure the future welfare,
prosperity, and happiness of its peoples."

Many experiments have been made, and
are being made, in the laying of service-
able roads of exceptional durability. From
the days of bumpy roads set with cobble
stones progress has advanced to the latest
experiment of an even, level roadway con-
structed of rubber blocks. Several
thoroughfares in London have been laid
with this material, but the advantages or
demerits of this paving cannot yet be
commented upon, for some time must
elapse to provide an adequate test. It is
interesting, however, to observe that in
Edinburgh also this new paving is to be
given a trial, and a stretch of roadway
in Shandwick Place has been laid with
the blocks. The blocks, or rubber sets,
are provided gratis by the North British
Rubber Company, the manufacturer, who
claim that the blocks have exceptional
shock-absorbing qualities, are very dura-
ble, and are almost noiseless, no matter
what type or quantity of traffic may
travel over them. The blocks are made
of concrete about the size of the ordinary
stone sets, and have an inch and a half,
or thereabouts, of vulcanised rubber grafted
on the top of the surface. The new
roadway in Shandwick Place was laid in
the following manner. First all a concrete
bed was laid. This was then covered
with sand, and in the sand the rubber
blocks are set. To weld them together a
bituminous solution is poured into the
joinings. The cost of laying a road of
this description is said to be far more than
paying a thoroughfare with either wood
or stone.

BIRTH CONTROL.

Not very long ago the subject of "Birth
Control" was taboo in all public writings
save those of philosophers like John
Stuart Mill, and publicists like Charles
Bradlaugh. When Bradlaugh handled it
in the trenchant style natural to him we
put him in prison. A public official of
those times would as soon have thought of
denying with birth control, far less of
advocating it, as he would have thought
of advocating polygamy. I have thought
so his tenure of office would have been
short, and the Church would have led in
demanding his prompt exclusion from

public life. Remembering these facts it
supplies a rather striking commentary on
the change of attitude when we find the
Medical Officer of Health of so important
a Scottish burgh as Paisley dealing with
birth control in his annual report, rejoic-
ing in evidence of its practice, and strongly
advocating more of it. Dr. McMichael
starts by recording with satisfaction that
the Paisley birth-rate in 1922 was 24.3.
He hopes the decline may continue, and re-
marks that "in these days of severe unem-
ployment and trade depression there must
be few advocates of the old, misguided
policy of encouraging a high rate of fee-
tility. We are over-populated, he goes
on, and any increase simply means a cor-
responding decline in the standard of
living. Finally, he says that "the time
has arrived when those responsible for the
public health are neglecting their duty if
they make no effort to enlighten and
educate the general public on this sub-
ject," and in this connection, it is most
unfortunate that he should so strictly dis-
courage of health "has so far strictly discour-
aged of health" through the medium of the maternity and
child welfare centres to the poorer classes,
the people who most require to be
educated. It will be interesting to ob-
serve if this challenge is taken up in the
quarters where in the past it would most
certainly have had a stormy acceptance.

THE PRESSURE OF TAXATION.
At the annual conference of the Burns
Federation, held at Ayr, on the whole, the
spirit displayed seemed incongruous, com-
ing as it did from members of clubs which
were to immortalise the National Bard,
who wrote of "the brotherhood of man,"
and that "Prudent, cautious, self-control
is wisdom's root." Several important
matters were before the meeting. Sir
Robert Bruce, L.L.D., editor of the Glas-
gow Herald, was elected to the presi-
dency. An endeavour to transfer the
headquarters of the Federation from Kil-
marlock to Glasgow was defeated by a
large majority, while it was decided that
the Executive should fix the dates and
places of their various meetings. Unfor-
tunately, the proceedings were marred by
several lively scenes, during one of which
the president, Dr. McNaught, threatened
to leave the chair, and culminating in
many of the Glasgow delegates leaving
the meeting as a protest against the Chair-
man's ruling.

To the long series of memorial evacua-
tions compelled by the ruthless enemy,
high taxation, has been added that of the
Murray family from Darnhall, in Peeb-
leshire. This will terminate a four cen-
tury-old association between the family
and the village of Edinborough. As the
Master of Edinborough, people who
have large estates and mansions to main-
tain must draw pecuniary income from
extraneous sources if they wish to make
ends meet. Thanks largely to the ravages
of the Chancellors of the Exchequer, those
hereditary seats have ceased to be self-
supporting. In such circumstances it is
impossible for many landed proprietors to
"carry on." They must face the inevit-
able with what philosophy they can
muster, and regretfully sever a link that
means much both to themselves and to the
people among whom they live. Thus do
the effects of the war penetrate deep and
wide, effecting social changes of much
moment, which all but the most purified
Socialists must regard with regret and
miserable.



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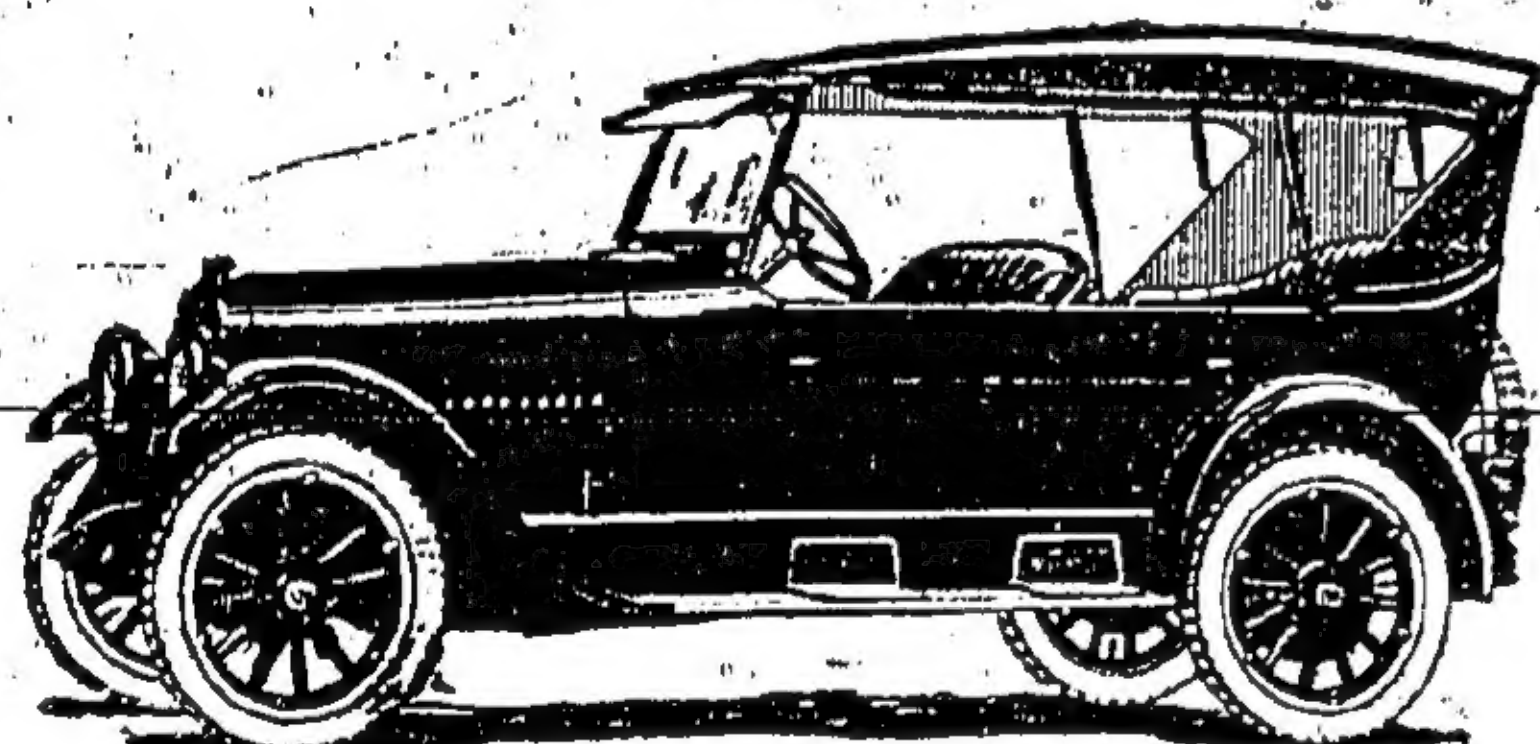
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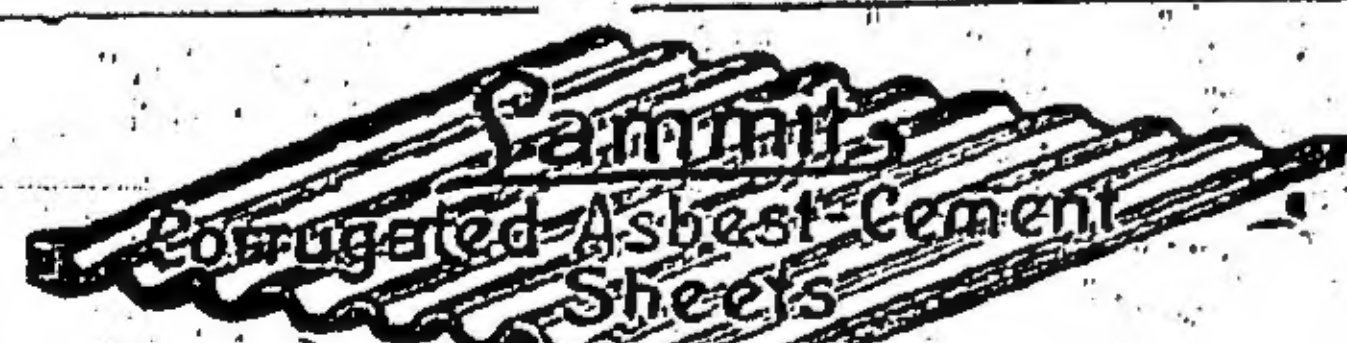
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REPORT.**

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say:—
"Business during the week which has
been on a restricted scale was further
curtailed by a Bank holiday on Monday
last, but notwithstanding this the local
market has kept very steady and there
has not been much fluctuation in prices."

"The Shanghai market has shown a much
better tone and rate in the Cotton sec-
tion, closing with a firmer tendency."

"Banks—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks
have shown little variation and business
has been done at \$1,100/1,105. The London
quotation remains unchanged at £124
(middle)."

"Marine and Fire Insurances—Unions
were bought up to \$225, but have re-
lapsed to \$220 at the close. Yangtszes
are somewhat easier and after sales at
\$251 have rallied to \$27. Canton at
\$240, North China at \$110, China Fires
at \$131 and Hongkong Fires at \$300 are
steady at quotations."

"Shipping—Hongkong, Canton and
Macao Steamers are inclined to
strengthen and can be placed at \$44.
Douglas Steamships continue to find sup-
porters at \$60, Star Ferries at \$34 and
Hongkong Tugs at \$1. Deferred Indes
made a sudden jump from \$127 to \$155,
closing with buyers at the latter rate."

"Refineries—China Sugars are in better
request with sales made up to \$224.
Malabons are asked for at \$60."

"Oils and Mining—Langkats have
changed hands at \$251. Tronchs have
moved upwards and are wanted at 20/6.
There are buyers of Kailans at 61/2."

"Electric Companies—Deals were made
in Hongkong Trams at \$24 early in the
week but buyers are now offering \$24.
China Lights (Old) were sold at \$14.70."

"Docks, Wharves and Godowns—Hong-
kong and Kowloon Wharves were again
negotiated at \$158. Hongkong and
Whampoa Docks are in demand at \$149
ex the interim dividend of \$1 just paid.
New Engineerings have been booked at
\$17,500. Shanghai Docks are enquired
for at Tls. 93 and Hongkew's at Tls. 196."

"Lands, Hotels and Buildings—Hong-
kong Hotels (Old) have come to business
at \$27, but close easier. Hongkong Land
have firmed up to \$80. Kowloon Land
at \$85 and Prince's Buildings at \$125
are saleable at quotations."

"Cotton Mills—Ewos have again been
dealt in at Tls. 13.60/13.70. Shanghai
Cottons are in favour and have spurred
to Tls. 92. Orientals have hardened and
could be placed at Tls. 51."

"Miscellaneous—Green Island Cement
continue very flat and can be had at
\$24. Hongkong Constructions have been
put through at \$41 and Lane Crawfords
at \$17.70. Taxicabs have changed hands
at \$5 and continue in request. Mackin-
toshes have been taken off the market at
the improved price of \$23. There are
buyers of Hongkong Ropes at \$35, Union
Waterboats at \$197 and Sinceres at \$122."

"Forward Settlement Days—26th Oct.
(Friday), 27th Nov. (Tuesday), and 26th
Dec. (Thursday), 1923."

"Exchange—The T.T. selling rate on
London to-day is 2/3, and on Shanghai
731."

"The Governor-General of the Philippines
has received a message from the
Filipino Politicians planning a boycott."

"The legislature, at least the coalition
majority, will disregard entirely all re-
commendations that Governor-General
Wood may make in his message to that
body," declared Representative Pablo de
la Rosa last week. "We have already
agreed," he continued, "not to pass any
measure he recommends because he has
disregarded the council of state and has
not asked the advice of the department
secretaries in preparing his message to
the legislature."

"Representative de la Rosa, reports the
Mundo Times, stated further that Gov-
ernor-General Wood has, by adopting the
attitude he did in preparing his mes-
sage, tried to be an 'absolute ruler.'"

"This reported action of the chief execu-
tive, he said, will make the non-coopera-
tion policy of the legislature more spirited
on the part of the legislators."

"It has been the precedent that the
chief executive asks the department sec-
retaries for advice and recommendations
for needed legislation and then embodies
these recommendations together with his
own in his message, senators and rep-
resentatives interviewed on this matter de-
clare. The chief executive has asked the
different chambers of commerce here to
make recommendations for needed legisla-
tion and has ignored the department sec-
retaries who are not only in a better con-
dition to say what the country needs but
compose the representation of the Filipino
people in the executive department of the
government, they declare."

**HONGKONG SHARE MARKET
CLOSING QUOTATIONS**

OCTOBER 12th, 1923.
Hongkong and Shanghai
Banks \$1,106 1/2
Canton Insurances \$210 b.
Douglas Steamships \$60 b.
"Star" Ferries \$34 b.
China Sugars \$224 b.
Langkats (Combined) Tls. 251
Kowloon Wharves \$158 1/2
Whampoa Docks \$149 b.
Hongkong Lands \$80 sa.
Humphreys Estate \$23.10 b.
Cements \$28 b. & sa.
Hongkong Electric \$11 b.
Hongkong Trams \$24 b.
b.—buyers; s.—sellers; sa.—sales.

**JAPAN DISAPPROVES OF
YANGTSE CONTROL.**

AMERICA AND FRANCE INSTIGA-
TORS OF NEW PLAN.

A Japanese news agency states that
along with the tension of situation in the
Yangtze Valley involving the safety of
foreigners and foreign ships, the proposal
for the joint patrol of the Yangtze by
the Powers' warships will, it is under-
stood, be again considered, this time more
seriously. As repeatedly reported, Japan
is opposed to the proposal and it is the
United States and France who are eagerly
endeavouring to see the proposal put into
realization. The reason why the United
States is so earnest over the question, it
is because, China is persistently refusing the
American protests regarding outrages
committed on American ships in the Yang-
tze, by saying that the vessels were sus-
pected of having a consignment of arms
on board, and that the alleged steps were
taken in order to stop and examine them.
It is probable that the joint patrol pro-
posal will not be realized without Japan's
approval.

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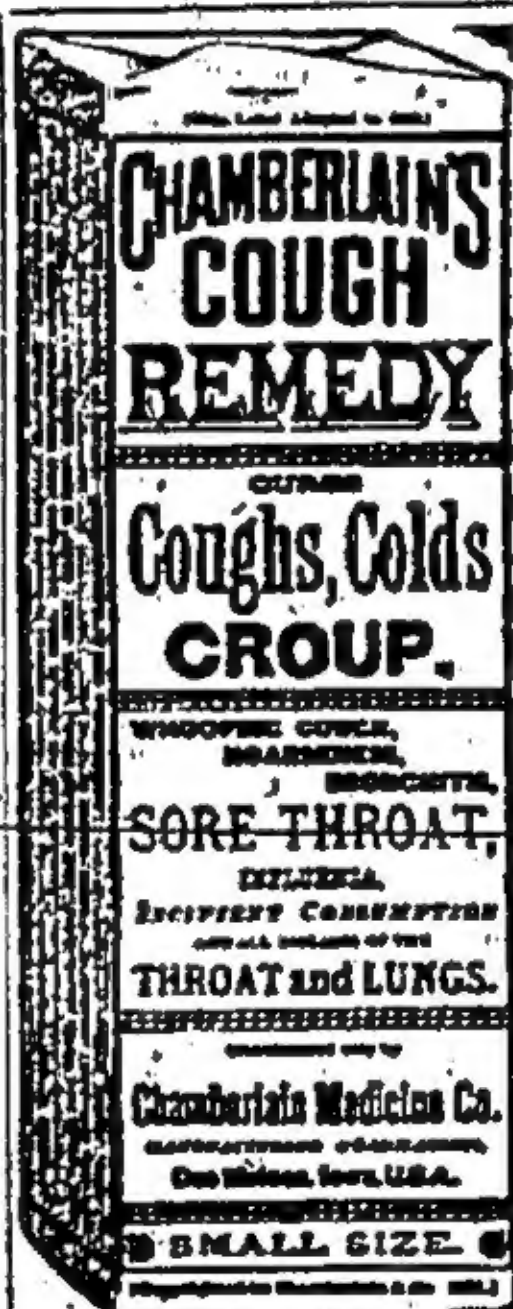
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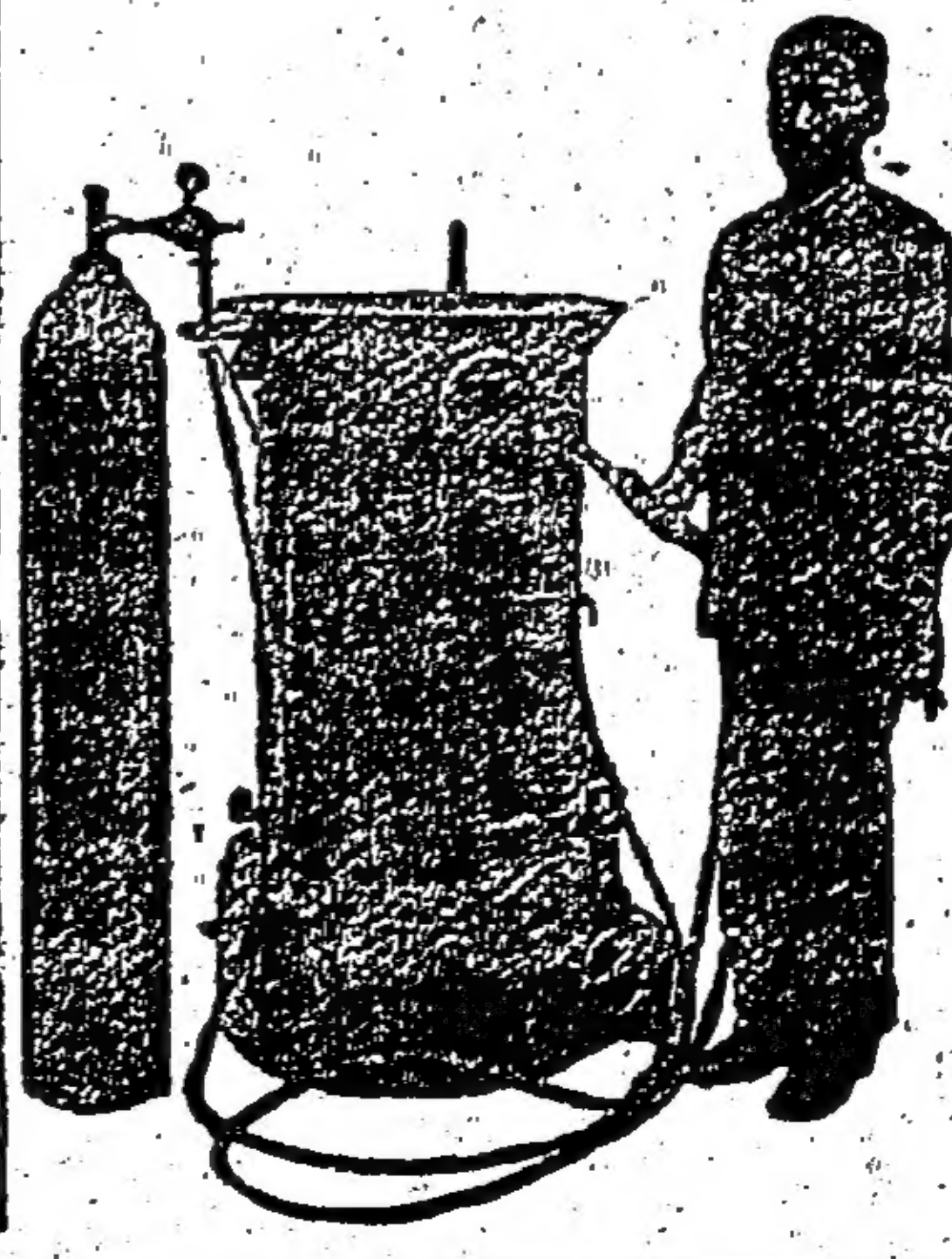
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THE "CHANGSHA" STRANDING INQUIRY AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

A Court of Inquiry sat at the Harbour Office yesterday morning for the purpose of investigating the circumstances surrounding the stranding of the s.s. *Changsha*, owned by Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, and commanded by Captain F. G. Gannbrill, which went ashore on the Tait Bank, near Sandakan, on August 19th. The vessel was refloated and is now in Taikoo Dock.

The Court was presided over by the Harbour Master (Commander C. W. Beckwith, R.N.), the other members being Lieut. J. B. Farrant, R.N. (H.M.S. *Blackbell*), Capt. W. Davison (Marine Superintendent of the C.P.S.S.), Capt. D. Evans (s.s. *Elvina*), and Capt. Kelway (s.s. *Hin Sang*).

Mr. E. Davidson represented the Captain and officers of the vessel.

Mr. Davidson, relating the story of the stranding, stated that it was the result of a series of remarkable coincidences. The vessel left Sydney on the 2nd August for Hongkong and on the 17th August left Gunga Island and set her course towards Sibutu Passage. On the following day at 4 a.m. observations were taken by the master, and the 2nd and 3rd officers. They obtained results within three miles of each other. Other observations were taken during the day, and at 6.30 p.m. the Chief Officer made observations from three stars, from which he obtained a definite result. This was where the first coincidence occurred. Through an unfortunate clerical error the observation was incorrect. The ship's position was actually five miles further to the North than the Chief Officer's observation made it. It was also some distance away to the East. This mistake was in no way the cause of the accident, but was merely the first link in the chain of circumstances leading to the stranding.

The same mistake might have made a hundred times with no ill results. Unfortunately, the position obtained by the incorrect observation was precisely the one which coincided with the ship's dead reckoning, plus a five miles southerly set. The Captain had been on this run for seven years, and during that time his experience had been that nearly always in this part of the sea there was a southerly set. Consequently, the result of these observations placing the ship in the exact position the Captain expected her to be in by his dead reckoning, the observation was naturally accepted as being correct. Expecting, under these conditions, a further southerly set, the Captain expected to sight Sibutu Island, either straight ahead or on his port bow at two o'clock the next morning. He also anticipated seeing the light on the southern extremity of this island. The light in question (Mr. Davidson continued) was not considered very reliable, as it was as often unlit as it was lit. The Captain turned in, and was called at two o'clock in the morning. There was no land in sight. At 2.30 what was thought to be Sibutu Island was sighted in the position anticipated.

The light was not seen, but, for the reasons he had indicated, nothing was thought of that. At 2.55 the steamer was three or four miles from the land, and the course was altered to Northward to a mid-channel course. At 3.5 a dark streak was sighted ahead which the Captain and second officer thought was rain. He took no chances, however, and the engines were put full speed astern, and the helm was put hard over to starboard. The streak across the horizon was sighted at 3.5 o'clock, and the vessel went aground at 3.8.

What had happened was that the Island of Manuk had been mistaken for Sibutu Island. At the angle the ship approached the land, the contour was very similar to that of Sibutu Island. Indeed, everything seemed to have conspired to set the ship on her wrong course. Had the ship been further northward or southward a mile, nothing would have happened, and the ship would have been set on her proper course. After the grounding everything possible for the safety of ship and cargo was done.

Capt. Gannbrill gave evidence bearing out the foregoing statement. He described the steps he took for the safety of the ship and the passengers, and paid high tribute to the way in which his officers and engineers had worked.

Evidence was also given by the Chief Officer, Mr. A. M. Frame, and the Second Officer, Mr. F. G. Stratford.

The Court was adjourned, and the finding will be given this morning.

EX-ACTIVES SERVICE MEN'S ASSOCIATION.

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING.

REMARKABLE GROWTH OF THE ASSOCIATION.

ONLY ONE PAYMENT FROM THE CHATER ENDOWMENT FUND.

Following are extracts from the Committee's Report which will be laid before the second annual meeting of the Ex-Active Service Men's Association (1918-1919):—

The gross turnover including subscriptions and fees was approximately \$41,000. In addition was received a donation of \$10,000 from Sir Paul Chater, of which \$9,000 was invested in a mortgage at 7 per cent. interest. Our trading profit from all sources, including bar refreshments and billiards, was approximately \$12,000. On the bathing bench and other amusements we spent \$2,500, of which \$1,000 was appropriated from Sir Paul Chater's donation. Our bad and irrecoverable debts amount to \$370, which is less than 1 per cent., and I think you will agree that this is a satisfactory figure.

The growth of the Association during the past year has been remarkable. In October, 1922, the membership was 329. During the year 213 new members joined, making a total membership of 542. From this number must be deducted 14 resignations and 3 deaths, which leave the present membership strength at 553.

We regret to note that up to the present time the Association has received only one payment of its share of the interest of the Chater Endowment Fund, viz., \$300 in January, for the period 15th May, 1922, to 15th November, 1922. No further payments have yet been received, although the Association has requested the Trustees of the Fund to pay the interest to date.

The annual dinner was held on Armistice Day, 11th November, 1922, at the Hongkong Hotel. Over 100 persons were present, including a number of guests. At the dinner, poppies were auctioned and a sum of \$318.90 was realised in aid of St. Dunstan's Home for Blindfolded Soldiers and Sailors. The same evening the then President, Lieut. W. St. A. Malleson, V.C., was presented by the members of the Association with a gold watch on the occasion of his early departure from the Colony. On 24th January, a reception was given to Sir Paul Chater at the Club, in celebration of the conferring on him of the degree of LL.D. at Hongkong University.

At the unveiling of the Cenotaph, on 24th May, a party of members volunteered to attend at the invitation of the Military authorities, and duly paraded at the ceremony. Arrangements have been made for a regular supply of flowers to be placed on the Cenotaph.

Through the generosity of Sir John Fowler, arrangements were made for a lease to the Association of the Easna beach at Stonecutters. The beach was opened on 15th May. During the season 67 trips were made, with a total of 2,860 passengers. These figures do not include members and visitors who used private launches. A very popular feature during the summer was the dance bathing carnivals of which two were held. Full advantage was taken of the opportunity by large numbers of people. Unfortunately, owing to the exceptionally bad weather, other similar events had to be postponed. During the typhoon, we had the misfortune of having a large part of the dressing room smashed destroyed.

Your Committee regret to report the death of three members during the year—Mr. W. Neale, Mr. C. B. Craigie and Mr. H. J. Hooper.

Sir Paul Chater again demonstrated his keen interest in the progress of the Association by a generous gift of \$10,000. The money was presented with no restrictions, Sir Paul leaving its disposal to the discretion of the General Committee. Mr. W. L. Sheenton also subscribed his annual donation of \$50.

The matter of new Club premises has been seriously considered by your Committee, but owing to the high rent prevailing, as well as the opinion that the present abnormal rents will decrease in the near future, and also owing to the fact that satisfactory arrangements have been made with regard to the present premises, no immediate change has been contemplated.

During the year it was considered advisable to institute a service of meals at the Club-room, that is, till 11 p.m. and meals at odd hours. This enterprise was well received and has been availed of by over a thousand members during the year. Considerable work has been carried out to assist Ex-Active Service men in distress. Positions have been found for quite a number of men and many distressed Ex-Active Service men leaving the Colony furnished with clothing. In addition, a number of men have been maintained for different periods at various institutions in the Colony.

SOLICITORS EXTRAORDINARY REQUEST.

DOUBTS GOVERNMENT MEDICAL OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ, solicitor, appeared in a remand case at the Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon, and made an extraordinary request to the Magistrate (Mr. Melbourne). After hinting at the doubtfulness of a Government Medical Officer's certificate which stated that the complainant in the case was unable to attend, as he was still in hospital, Mr. Russ requested the Magistrate to express "a little pain" (presumably to the Medical Officer in question) at the delay caused by the non-appearance of the complainant.

The case was one in which Jamail Singh, a ship's guard on the s.s. *Hai Hong*, summoned two Indians, Kan Singh, a private watchman of No. 59, Robinson Road, and Escher Singh, a police guard on the s.s. *Cheng Chui*, for unlawfully assaulting him and doing him actual bodily harm. The defendant, Kan Singh, issued a cross-summons against the complainant, and two others, Mehar Singh, a ship's guard on the s.s. *Kwang Hong*, and Doya Singh, a watchman employed by Sang Lee, also for assault. The alleged assaults took place in Connaught Road Central on the 29th of September.

"At the commencement of the case, yesterday afternoon, Inspector Earner, who appeared for the police, said the original complainant was unable to attend. He was still in hospital. Bearing out his remarks Inspector Earner handed in a Government Medical Officer's certificate to that effect.

Mr. Russ, appearing for Kan Singh and his compatriot, said: My instructions are that he is well, and that he has been well for a very long time and that he is able to attend.

The Magistrate: Here is the Medical Officer's certificate. Mr. Russ: You can't very well go beyond that.

Inspector Earner said that he was informed at the hospital that every time the complainant got out of bed he became dizzy and could not walk.

Mr. Russ: My instructions are, although I don't like to say it—that he is shamming. You see the difficulty in this case is that I have instructed Counsel. In fact, I had Counsel ready for this afternoon.

The Magistrate: I don't see that I can do anything. The Medical Officer has certified that the complainant is too ill to attend at this time.

Mr. Russ: I do not know whether you can use your influence with the Medical Officer in getting him not to certify that he is not in a fit condition to attend?

Inspector Earner: Mr. Russ, I am informed yesterday afternoon, your Worship, that the complainant would not be able to attend.

Mr. Russ then hastened to point out, that Counsel was not present, "but," Mr. Russ added, "he does not like having to keep an afternoon open for nothing."

The Magistrate decided to adjourn the case for one week and Inspector Earner emphasised the point that he was sure that if the complainant was able to come out of hospital the Doctors would not keep him there.

To this the Magistrate agreed saying, "I don't think they can bluff the Doctors."

PERSONATING A WATER POLICE CONSTABLE.

A man named Lam Cheong, aged 23 years, who was dismissed from the Hongkong Police Force in 1917 after serving three months in gaol for desertion, was yesterday charged before Mr. J. R. Wood, with having in his unlawful possession a police service belt and with stating that he was a constable in the Water Police.

A Chinese detective told the Court that when he arrested the man on the Yaumatei wharf he had the belt in his possession. He then told the detective that he belonged to the Water Police. The defendant told the Magistrate that he purchased the belt from a stall in "Lascar Row." He did not know it was a police belt.

Sergeant Langanah said the defendant had been taken to a stall in Lascar Row by the keeper denied knowing him.

On the first charge a fine of \$5 with the alternative of seven days' imprisonment was ordered. On the second count a fine of \$10 with the alternative of 14 days was ordered, the sentences to run consecutively.

WORLD THEATRE.

SUNDAY'S SPECIAL ATTRACTION.

The magnificent seven reel picture, Dickens masterpiece, "A Tale of Two Cities," featuring the famous William Farnum in his dual role will be shown at the World Theatre, for the last time, tomorrow (Sunday) at 1.30 p.m. sharp, with a special reduction in price for children. At 6 p.m. a thrilling romance, "Dead Game" written by Edward Sedgwick, featuring the daring Hoot Gibson supported by a splendid cast, including Laura La Plante and Robt. McKim, will be screened. "Dead Game" is a story of a man who knew a good deal about fighting, riding and other manly occupations, but nothing at all about women. To him a woman was the "big problem."

SPORT.

FOOTBALL.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

HONGKONG LEAGUE.

Division I.—Kick off 4.45 p.m.

Kowloon v. H.M.S. *Tamar*, Kowloon ground. Referee, Mr. Wakeham. H.M.S. *Diomedes* v. King's Regt., Navy "A" ground. Referee, Mr. Williams.

R.G.A. v. Hongkong Club, Sookunpoo "A" ground. Referee, Mr. Smith.

Division II.—Kick off 4.30 p.m.

Club Reserves v. Filipino Club, Club ground. Referee, Mr. Lavender. King's Reserves v. *Blackbell*, Sookunpoo "A" ground. Referee, Mr. Spencer.

St. Joseph's v. R.G.A. Reserves, St. Joseph's ground. Referee, Mr. Greer.

Dimute Reserves v. *Tamar* Reserves, Navy "A" ground. Referee, Mr. Tildesley.

South China "A" v. Sacred Heart, South China ground. Referee, Mr. Ford.

Kowloon Reserves v. University, Kowloon ground. Referee, Mr. Hagen.

Owing to the Club de Recreo being unable to field a side, their match with South China "B" is postponed.

KING'S REGT. v. "DIOMEDE."

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KING'S REGT. v. "BLUEBELLS."

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THE HARBOUR RACES.

CONCERNING TIDES AND PRIZES.

The Harbour races will commence on Tuesday next. Mrs. Beckwith, wife of the Harbour Master, has kindly consented to present the cups to the winners at the conclusion of the events on Thursday. The prize-giving will take place outside the entrance of the Victoria Recreation Club, and the cups—the Mok Challenge Cup for the Chinese event; presented by Mok Kon Sang, the McKinnon Challenge Cup for the ladies' event, and the Evans Challenge Cup for the open event, together with the minor awards,—will be on view outside the Club during the three days on which the events are held.

The course will be the usual one, starting from the line between the Star Ferry Pier and the Railway wharf at Kowloon, and finishing at the buoy between the Victoria Recreation Club and Murray Pier. The difference in the rise and fall of tide will be small—on the first day six inches, on the second day two inches, and on the third four inches,—so the competitors should be able to swim comparatively straight course. Last year the tides were deceptive, but this year it is hoped there will be no tide trouble. Races will commence at 5.30 each evening.

THE HILL TRIALS FOR MOTOR-CYCLES.

FORMULA RESULTS.

The results on formula in connection with the Shaikwan motor-cycle and motor-car hill trials held at Shaikwan Hill on Saturday have now been worked out.

In the motor-car event Mr. C. D. Lambert, who also won on time won on formula. Dr. McKenny, who came in fifth on time gets second place.

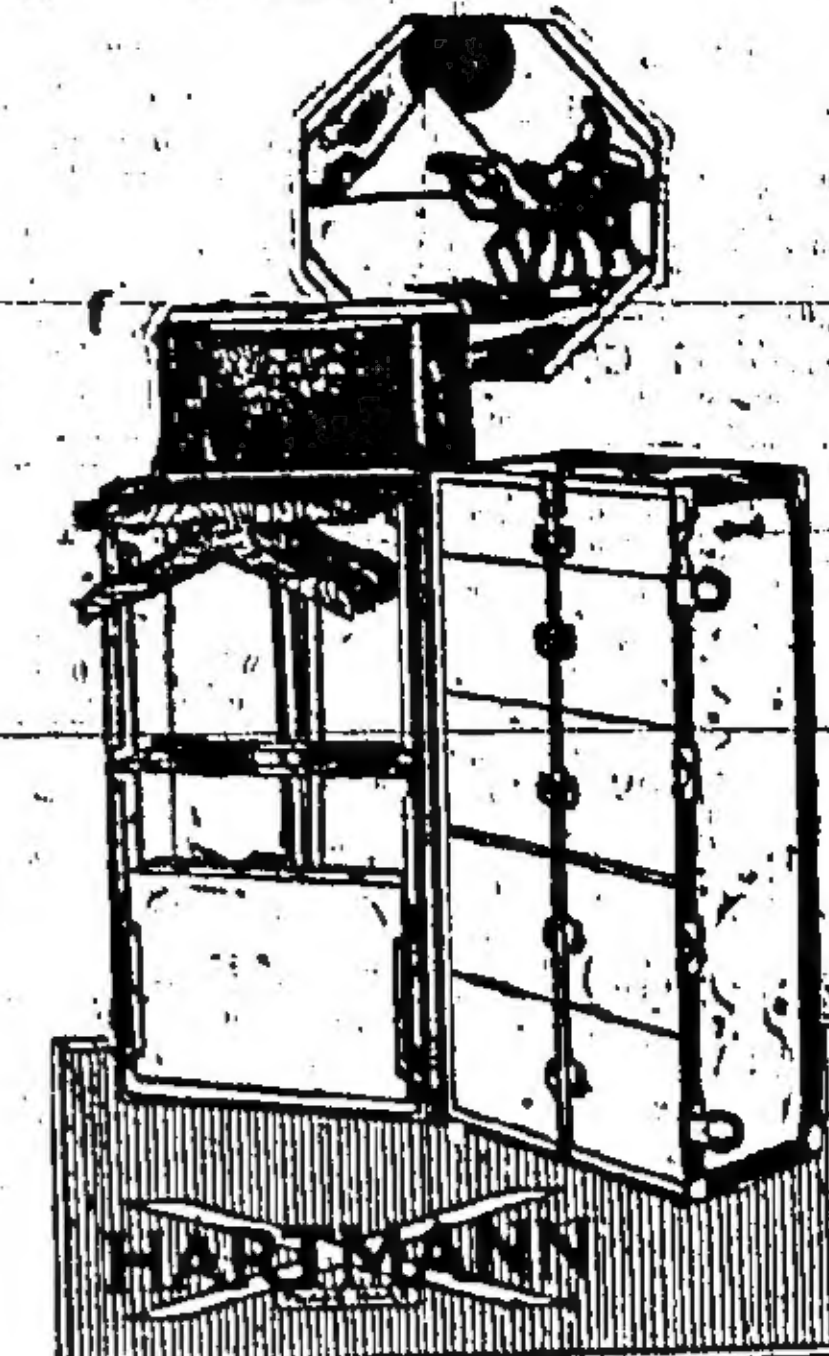
In the cycle combination class Mr. V. Walker, who came in second on time, won on formula. Second place on formula was obtained by Mr. A. Gerson, who was third on time.

In the cycle solo class Mr. F. Baker wins on time and formula. Mr. L. Ellwood, who got sixth place on time, comes second on formula.

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- The Holders of Current Policies with the said Company subject to premiums and carrying no right of participation in future profits and of paid up policies with the said Company carrying no such right.
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FOR THE PURPOSE of considering and if thought fit approving with or without modification the scheme of arrangement proposed to be made between the said Company and the said Members, Creditors and Policy Holders respectively AND that such Meetings will be held at the registered and head office of the said Company, No. 10, Canton Road, Shanghai, China, on WEDNESDAY, the 12th day of DECEMBER, 1923, and as regards—

- Class A.—At 10 o'clock in the Forenoon.
- Class B.—At 11 o'clock in the Forenoon or so soon thereafter as the Meeting of Class A is concluded.
- Class C.—At 12 o'clock Noon or so soon thereafter as the Meeting of Class B is concluded.
- Class D.—At 2 o'clock in the Afternoon or so soon thereafter as the Meeting of Class C is concluded.
- Class E.—At 3 o'clock in the Afternoon or so soon thereafter as the Meeting of Class D is concluded.

AT WHICH PLACE and respective Times all the aforesaid Members, Creditors, and Policy Holders are requested to attend.

A copy of the Agreement dated the 20th day of December, 1922, and made between the said Company and the said Company of CANADA and the said Company and embodying the said scheme of arrangement can be seen and Forms of Proxy obtained at any of the offices hereinafter mentioned between the hours of 10 A.M. and 12 Noon on any week day previous to the Date of the said Meetings.

The said Members, Creditors and Policy Holders respectively may attend such separate Meetings as aforesaid and vote in person or by Proxy provided that all Proxies given by Members, Creditors and Policy Holders in China or Hongkong must be deposited at the said registered and head office of the said Company at No. 10, Canton Road, Shanghai, China, not later than Seven days before the holding of the said Meetings. All Proxies given by Members, Creditors and Policy Holders in places other than China and Hongkong must be deposited at any one of the following offices of the said Company, namely:

THE PHILIPPINES.—428, Rizal Avenue, Manila.

SIAM.—772, 774, 776 and 778, Si Phya Road, Bangkok.

DUTCH EAST INDIES.—28, Tanah Abang Road, Weltevreden, Java.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, MALAY STATES AND BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.—2, Finlayson Green, Singapore.

RUSSIA.—50/52, "Sole Pagoda" Street, Rangoon.

INDIA.—c/o Messrs. GLADSTONE WYLLIE & Co., 5, Council House Street, Calcutta.

INDO-CHINA.—15, Rue Tabard, Saigon.

Ceylon.—c/o Messrs. CLARK YOUNG & Co., Lloyds Buildings, Colombo.

ENGLAND.—c/o GEORGE KING, Esq., 15, Walbrook, London, E.C.

JAPAN.—c/o Messrs. PEARSON MACKIE ATWELL & Co., 65, Naniwa-Machi, Kobe.

NOT LESS than Seven days previous to the Date of the said Meetings. Particulars of Proxies so deposited sufficient to enable them to be used at the said Meetings will be sent by telegram to the Chairman of the said Meetings.

The Court has appointed CHARLES REGINALD BURKILL, of Shanghai, or failing him ARTHUR JOSEPH WELCH, of Shanghai, to act as Chairmen of the said Meetings.

The above scheme will be subject to the subsequent approval of the Court.

Dated the 11th day of October, 1923.

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IN HIS BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S
SUPREME COURT FOR CHINA
AT SHANGHAI.

IN THE MATTER OF THE
COMPANIES ORDINANCES
(HONGKONG) 1911 to 1921

IN THE MATTER OF THE
SHANGHAI LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by an Order dated the 14th day of SEPTEMBER, 1923, this Court has directed separate Meetings of the following Classes of persons, namely:

- The Members of the said Company.
- The Creditors of the said Company other than Policy Holders.
- The Holders of Current Policies with the said Company subject to premiums and carrying the right of participation in future profits and of paid up policies with the said Company carrying such right.
- The Holders of Current Policies with the said Company subject to premiums and carrying no right of participation in future profits and of paid up policies with the said Company carrying no such right.
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Dated the 11th day of October, 1923.

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MARRIAGE.

CORR.—VIVIAN.—At Shanghai, on Sept. 29th, PHILIP HAWTAY (son, to BEAT ANGELA, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. VIVIAN).

DEATHS.

PERCEP.—At Shanghai, on October 6th, MARIA ANTONIA, the beloved wife of J. E. PERCEP, aged 47.
SIEMSEN.—At 51, Christchurch Road, Streatham Hill, on September 6th, JULIUS SIEMSEN, aged 55.

Hongkong Office: 14, Chater Road.
London Office: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, OCTOBER 13TH, 1923.

THE WEIHAIWEI DRAFT AGREEMENT.

The "most emphatic grumble" we publish to-day from a property owner at Weihaiwei regarding the draft terms of rendition as they have been published by H.M.'s Legation in Peking is certainly not without justification. We published the full text of the Draft Agreement in our yesterday's issue. The object of the Legation in giving the document wide publicity is presumably to invite the opinions of all interested British subjects, and we may assume that any opinions expressed will be carefully considered by the British authorities before the Agreement is signed. The Agreement is rightly to be judged by the undertakings given by Lord Balfour at the Washington Conference now nearly two years ago. British residents at Weihaiwei who got to know of the nature of the local discussions by the Commission have been very doubtful whether the undertakings adumbrated by Lord Balfour would be carried out in their entirety. The more important of these arrangements were (1) "due safeguarding of foreign property rights"; (2) "adequate representation of foreign interests in municipal affairs"; and (3) "some intimation of the willingness of the Chinese Government to grant facilities for the linking up of Weihaiwei with the hinterland by railway." In all three respects the Draft Agreement does not come up to expectation. We cannot regard it as

"due safeguarding of foreign property rights" when the Agreement requires all holders of land—perpetual lease holders included—to exchange their titles for "leases of thirty years" duration renewable on the same terms at option of the holders. Our correspondent as a holder of freehold land, very pertinently asks whether this means that the lease would be renewable for one further term of thirty years, or renewable every thirty years at the same terms *ad infinitum*. The intention certainly requires to be more clearly expressed. It is difficult to believe that the intention is to compel freeholders to exchange their titles for, at most, a sixty years' lease; but if the Article means that this thirty-years' lease can be renewed on the expiry of every term, without any extra charge, then for all practical purposes the lease would be "perpetual" and we cannot see why there should be any hesitation to say so in terms which will admit of no future misunderstanding—unless there is some absurd desire to save China's face. Of scarcely less interest are the observations of our correspondent on the provisions in the Agreement relating to the efficient government of the municipal area, and to the way in which Lord Balfour's "adequate representation of foreign interests in municipal affairs" has been interpreted. Instead of a Municipal Council, "with powers, such as every Treaty port possesses, there is to be an 'Advisory Council' consisting of not less than two foreign members and not more than five Chinese members, who are to advise the Chinese Administrator of the territory in all matters connected with the municipal services and municipal administration of Port Edward. If the Chinese Administration could be reasonably depended on to fulfil the obligation in Article 12 to maintain efficiently such municipal services within the area as roads, bridges, drains, piers, lighting, sanitation and restriction of noxious trades," then there would be little objection to the proportion of foreign representation on the Council; but because it is common knowledge that there is not a city or town in China where such conditions are efficiently maintained," a foreign minority on this Council is to be greatly deplored. The provision that the existing municipal regulations and policies shall be maintained "as far as possible" for a period of ten years, should, however, prove some guarantee of satisfactory municipal government during that time, but a very great deal must depend upon the kind of Administrator the territory gets and the adequacy of the funds assigned for the efficient maintenance of the municipal services. It will be a matter for great regret if more adequate guarantees in this latter respect are not inserted before the Agreement is signed.

Golfers will be interested to see that five holes of the Happy Valley course will be open for play to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang is down with dengue. There have been quite a number of cases among the European community lately.

Hongkong is to have a visit from the world-renowned violinist, Jascha Heifetz who is announced to give a grand violin recital in the Theatre Royal on Monday, October 29th.

The Medical Officer of Health's return yesterday showed three Chinese cases of small-pox notified in the preceding twenty-four hours and one British case of paratyphoid.

Mr. Isaac Mann Shields, late managing-director of the P. & O. Co., and a director of the British-India Steam Navigation Company, who died on July 21st, has left estate of the gross value of £68,104, with net personality £65,565.

Mr. G. C. M. Vereker, M.C., has arrived in Peking, to take up the post of second secretary of H.B.M. Legation. Mr. Vereker, who served in the war with the Grenadier Guards, has since 1915 been on the staff of the British Residency in Cairo.

A Chinese woman, an earth cooler, employed by the Yee Tak contractor's firm, was badly injured about the face on Thursday owing to a stone falling on her whilst she was working in Chamberlain Road. On the same day another earth cooler, a man, had his leg fractured by a falling boulder whilst working on the Morrison Hill reclamation scheme.

Five police recruits arrived from Hongkong yesterday by the s.s. *Kalgan*—Messrs. Higman, Bradshill, Darkin, O'Sullivan and McMahon. Three of them served in the Royal Irish Constabulary and one in the Coventry City Police. The fifth is an ex-naval man.

Mr. Archibald Rose, C.I.E., left London for China on September 7th, proceeding via the Siberian route. So far, a London contemporary understands, few, or no travellers have gone eastwards over the railway, though there have been several arrivals from the Far East. Mr. Rose's experiences will be interesting to note. Mrs. Rose will not accompany him, but proceeds by the sea route in a few months' time.

Sir Charles Eliot, British Ambassador at Tokyo, being on leave in England, escaped the disaster in Japan. At the same time, says a correspondent in a London paper, he will feel that he ought to be at his post. "I have never known a man so totally regardless of danger in any form. Many years ago, when he was a junior secretary at the Constantinople Embassy, he started off for a holiday all alone into one of the most unsafe and disturbed districts of Central Asia. How he ever got back alive no one ever knew."

A Commission is now in the Philippine Islands to investigate the possibilities of rubber plantation in the islands. It is stated that the party intends to make a thorough investigation especially in the province of Cotabato, which produces the greater portion of crude rubber production in the islands. Dr. H. N. Whitford, formerly chief of the division of investigation of the bureau of forestry, is the man in charge of the work of rubber plantation possibilities in the Philippines and Brazil, so that the party in the Philippine Islands will report to him. It is understood that it was through Dr. Whitford's efforts that money has been appropriated by the United States Government to conduct rubber investigations in the Philippines and in South America.

"Why do the P.W.D. people select the present time to put a lot of sand on the roads and the Sanitary Department spend their time in sweeping it up?" writes a correspondent in reference to our note yesterday on missing watercarts. Our correspondent suggests that we should persuade the D.P.W. to take a stroll down Queen's Road East, or along the Praya, from Blake Pier to Whitty Street—and make it a condition that he does not take a thermos flask, while the responsibility for laying sand on the roads at the present time must rest with the D.P.W. the whole of his fellow members of the Sanitary Board should make the journey our correspondent suggests, for it is the business of the Sanitary Department to attend to the laying of the dust in our thoroughfares. "I fancy," adds our correspondent, "that there is a fetish that salt water spoils the roads: much better spoil them than for the people to have their systems ruined by imbibing so much dust and so many filthy germs."

WEDDING.

PURSLOW-SMITH.

The wedding was solemnised at the Union Church, on Thursday, of Captain Percival Reginald Purslow and Miss Mary Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, of Greenock, Scotland. The Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald officiated. The bridegroom, who is the present master of the s.s. *Sui Fung*, has been in the employment of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire for nineteen years, and it is also interesting to note that the bride's father was with the same firm for 28 years.

The bride was given away by Mr. Duncan McNeill. She wore a dress of white georgette over silver lace, with a cream picture hat to match, and carried a bouquet of cream roses, white heather and orange blossom. The matron of honour was Mrs. Herbert Sator, who wore a dress of rose coloured georgette with over-dress of French fillet silk lace and a black picture hat. Her bouquet was of Honolulu creper. Mr. R. Rowe was "best man."

At the conclusion of the ceremony a reception was held at the Hongkong Hotel, and later Capt. and Mrs. Purslow left for Macao, where the honeymoon is to be spent. The bride's going away dress was of shell pink crepe de chine with picture hat.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LATEST CABLES.

PAPYRUS DEVELOPS
LAMENESS.
HARD BELMONT PARK TRACK
BLAMED.

New York, October 11th.
Papyrus developed a slight lameness in the right fore ankle after a gallop at mid-day yesterday. His trainer, Jarvis, while plainly worried, declared that he was hopeful the injury would be overcome long before the race.

The hard dirt track at Belmont Park is blamed for the lameness.

EMPIRE COTTON GROWING
CORPORATION.SPINNERS TO PAY LEVY ON
PURCHASES.

LONDON, October 11th.
At a meeting of the administrative council of the Empire Cotton Growing Corporation held in London on October 10th, it was announced that 508 firms of spinners had elected to pay, through their brokers, a levy of six pence per 500 lbs. on cotton purchased under the Cotton Industry Act. One hundred and ninety-seven firms had not replied and only eight preferred to pay the charge direct to the corporation.

MISHAP TO SS. "MONTORO".
AGROUND IN TORRES STRAITS.

LONDON, October 11th.
The steamer Montoro from Singapore has grounded in the Torres Straits. Attempts to refloat her are proceeding.

MURDERERS OF SPANISH
PREMIER.

SENTENCED TO DEATH.

MADRID, October 11th.
Mateo and Nicolau have been sentenced to death for complicity in the murder of the Premier, Signor Dato, in March 1921. Seven others have been acquitted.

EARLIER CABLES.

ANOTHER CRISIS IN
GERMANY.
NATIONALISTS WALK OUT OF
REICHSTAG.

BERLIN, October 11th.
The Reichstag by 253 to 17 votes, with one abstention, passed the first part of the Emergency Law Bill. The second part also passed; but when the whole Bill was put to the vote the Nationalists walked out and the Reichstag adjourned till Saturday, as the necessary quorum of two-thirds of the house was not present. If the Bill be not passed, the Reichstag will be dissolved.

Herr Stresemann, after the Reichstag vote, visited President Ebert, who authorised a dissolution if the Emergency Law be not passed in its entirety.

MACHINATIONS OF THE K.K.K.
THE OKLAHOMA CRISIS.

OKLAHOMA, October 11th.
The final struggle between the legislative and executive forces of the State began with a meeting of the Legislature in an extraordinary session which is expected to result in the impeachment of Governor Walton. In a message read at the opening of the Assembly the Governor alleged that "the super-government of the Ku-Klux-Klan" is undermining the very foundations of the State, and the present conflict is between "the visible and invisible governments." The Governor charged the Klan with responsibility for innumerable outrages, and produced transcripts of the evidence given before tribunals, which he asked the Legislature to investigate.

CHEAP AVIATION.
LONDON TO ROME FOR TWENTY
SHILLINGS.

LONDON, October 11th.
The weather was fairly good as Lymphe. Captain Macmillan on a Percival Puffin machine broke the speed record of 603 miles an hour, covering twenty-five miles at an average speed of 76.1 miles.

Flight Lieutenant Langton rounded the course on a petrol consumption equivalent to a gallon to 87.5 miles, equalling Jimmy James' record. Hitherto Hinkler has completed 812 miles, maintaining the lead in the reliability test. It is calculated that this means it is possible for a pilot to fly from London to Rome at an expenditure of only twenty shillings on fuel.

THE EMPIRE CONFERENCE.
DOMINIONS FAVOUR LEAGUE
OF NATIONS.

LONDON, October 11th.

The afternoon session of the Imperial Conference was devoted to speeches by the Dominion delegates on Lord Robert Cecil's statement on the work of the League of Nations. Reuter learns that the speeches, which will not be published till to-morrow, revealed striking unanimity of the Dominion representatives on the necessity for the existence of the League of Nations. It is felt on all sides that without such a body as an effective league another conflict will be almost inevitable in Europe, since which the Dominions are bound to be drawn.

WORK OF L.O.N. REVIEWED.

LONDON, October 11th.

At the Imperial Conference Mr. Baldwin read a reply by the Japanese Government to the Conference's message of sympathy on the earthquake, saying the cordial sentiments of representative statesmen of the British Empire for the old, never-failing ally Japan, had deeply moved the Japanese nation and given it energy and reassurance in taking up the task of reconstruction.

FULL MEETING OF CONFERENCE
ON MONDAY.

LONDON, October 11th.

The full meeting of the Imperial Conference has been adjourned to Monday. There will be only committee work to-morrow. Various matters, including Overseas settlement and the question of patents, were discussed to-day by the committee of the Economic Conference, which again meets in full session next week. Their Majesties entertained the Conference delegates, with their ladies, to dinner at Buckingham Palace to-night. Their Majesties mingled with their guests in the drawing room after dinner.

DEFENCE OF DUTCH EAST
INDIES.THE QUESTION OF WARSHIP
CONSTRUCTION.

THE HAGUE, October 11th.

In the Second Chamber, Herr Troelstra, head of the Social-Democrats, interpreted the crisis caused by the decision immediately to introduce a Bill for the construction of a fleet for defence of the Dutch East Indies. He asked if the international situation justified this unexpected haste, or if anything had happened behind the scenes. The Premier, Herr Van der Broek, replied that there was no question of foreign pressure or diplomatic obligations. It was solely in order that Holland might execute her obligations of neutrality to the Indies that she required a fleet. Herr Colijn, Minister of Finance pointed out that the Bill did not increase the burdens of the Budget of the Netherlands, but only the Budget of the Indies.

A "QUALIFIED THEFT"
IN MANILA.

EXPRESS CO.'S LOSS OF P.105,787.

Manila, October 11th.
Mamerto Valdelon, former stenographer at the American Express Co., will have to serve seven years, four months and one day imprisonment and indemnify the American Express Co. in the sum of P.105,787.40, by virtue of a decision handed down in the city court of first instance last week. Valdelon has been found guilty of qualified theft of money, cheques and other mercantile documents belonging to the company which employed him. Pedro Bagabaldo, charged with being an accessory in the theft, has also been found guilty of the charge and sentenced to one year and one day imprisonment and to indemnify the company in whatever sum Valdelon should fail to return to the company.

SEPARATE TRIALS ASKED.

The city fiscal's office filed a complaint for qualified theft against Mamerto Valdelon, Julian Flora, Atanacio Valdelon, Gregorio Elbo and Pedro Bagabaldo, but Atanacio Valdelon and Gregorio Elbo asked for separate trials and their case is still pending. Julian Flora was later utilized as witness for the prosecution and the case against him was dismissed.

The theft was committed in the office of the American Express Company about the middle of September, 1922, when an iron box containing P.9,234.72 and another iron safe containing P.92,500 disappeared, together with a cheque of the Philippine National Bank in the amount of P.25, cash amounting to P.543.05, "values" in the sum of P.92,200 and several travel cheques in the sum of P.3,400. The total sum stolen was P.105,787.61.

The evidence of the prosecution, the Court said in the decision, "proved that Mamerto Valdelon, being at the time the theft was committed a cheque and stenographer of the American Express Company, and as such having free access to the different rooms in the building, succeeded in discovering the combination of the lock of the safe and on September 15th, 1922, opened the safe and took away with him money in cash, cheques and other valuable papers. The evidence, the court found, also proved that Pedro Bagabaldo, while not taking active part in the theft, helped Valdelon to hide money and papers. On this account both were found guilty of qualified theft.

FAR EASTERN CABLE
NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING POLITICS.

NATIONAL CONSTITUTION PASSES
THIRD READING.

PEKING, October 10th.

The National Constitution passed the third reading yesterday and will be proclaimed on Wednesday.

SUGGESTED RESTORATION OF
KWANGCHOWWAN.

PEKING, October 10th.

The House of Representatives passed a resolution asking the Government to negotiate with France for the restoration of Kwangchowwan.

CONSTITUTION OF THE CHINESE
REPUBLIC.

PEKING, October 10th.

The Constitution, which is being promulgated this morning, has taken several years to complete. It contains nothing startling, but much in accordance with the constitutions of other countries. It consists of thirteen sections or chapters, in which there are one hundred and forty-one articles.

The first section states that the form of Government is to be an Unified Republic.

The second section states that sovereignty will be vested in the people.

The third section states that the territory consists of all Chinese possessions.

The fourth section contains articles 4 to 21 and embodies the rights, duties and privileges of citizens.

The fifth section comprises articles 22 to 28 setting out national powers over legislation, funds, mines, education, taxes, etc.

The sixth section embodies articles 150 to 170 covering the functions of Parliament, its composition, powers, mode of election, etc.

The seventh section covers articles 71 to 91 setting out the President's powers and duties.

The eighth section contains articles 92 to 99 relating to the Cabinet.

The ninth section contains articles 100 to 102 relating to the Judiciary.

The tenth section contains articles 103 to 109 relating to law.

The eleventh section contains articles 110 to 123 relating to the Budget.

The twelfth section contains articles 124 to 135 covering Local Government.

The thirteenth section contains articles 136 to 141 and covers Constitutional amendments.

PEKING IN GALA ATTIRE.

PEKING, October 10th.

The streets were illuminated and brightly lit last night, and heavily guarded this morning. Extra troops were brought in from Pootung yesterday.

President Tsao Kun arrived at seven this morning and proceeded to the Presidential Palace, where he will be inaugurated at nine o'clock. Tsao Kun will proceed to Parliament at ten, where he will participate in the promulgation of the Constitution, afterwards taking the Presidential Oath.

TSAO KUN'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS.

MANY REFORMS PROMISED.

PEKING, October 10th.
Marshal Tsao Kun, in his inaugural address, remarked that previous Presidents had been handicapped by the absence of a national constitution, but in that respect he was more fortunate than his predecessors. He declared that urgent attention would be paid to education. Military and other expenses should be reduced and he hoped to unify the country by bringing together men of various talents. The country must fulfil its treaty obligations and readjust foreign debts, thereby promoting friendly relations with foreign Powers.

After the President had taken the oath he retired to the rest room at Parliament House, but he subsequently carried out the ceremony of terminating the session.

This afternoon the President received congratulations from the Manchu House Princes and other notable personages. Three days holiday has been proclaimed.

EXPENDITURE ON SINGAPORE
NAVAL BASE.

L.O.N. SUGGEST DELAY.

LONDON, October 11th.

The executive committee of the League of Nations Union at its meeting in London to-day unanimously passed a resolution suggesting to the Government that the effect of the earthquake on the Japanese fleet and naval establishments be considered at the conference on the extension of the term of the Washington Convention, which is being held in Geneva next year, and that meanwhile no further expenditure be incurred in developing the base at Singapore.

FOOTBALL.
CHINA DEFEATS VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, October 10th.

In the Association Football match China v. Victoria, China won by three goals to nil.

[Speaker is not a popular game in Victoria, the big events being confined to the Australian game.]

SIDELIGHTS ON THE EARTH-
QUAKE DISASTER.

THE INEVITABLE COMPARISON.

The Japanese says The Times correspondent.

"The Japanese says The Times correspondent, 'regard the catastrophe as costing Japan in life and treasure far more than a first-class war.' The comparison was inevitable, and the estimate is probably correct, writes 'Observer'.

The cost of the war of 1870-71 to France was £20,000,000, and Britain spent £222,000,000 on the South African Campaign. It may well be that Japan's loss lies well over these totals. The Jishi puts the damage in Tokyo alone at 500 millions, and other calculations of the total loss run to more than that amount.

Even France's reparations of 1,300 millions for the last war shows that the German Army, doing its worst, cannot do as much destruction in a year as an earthquake can do in a day.

As for the loss of life, which is estimated at half a million, one has only to remember that the total Japanese casualties (killed and wounded) in the war with Russia (1905) were only 167,702, and the German losses in 1870-71 only 127,867. The struggle of 1914-18 was on a different scale; but even so, Japan has probably lost more lives in the earthquake than either Italy (100,000) or Serbia (222,000) in the four years of slaughter.

It seems natural that an earthquake country should have an earthquake architecture, and we shall watch with interest to see whether Tokyo and Yokohama are rebuilt on the old model. A business city of the Western type cannot be constructed of lath and paper, in the native Japanese style; but the death-roll of last week is a terrible price to pay following a foreign fashion. Gak, too, seems to be a Western invention ill-adapted to the instability of the Japanese soil; the fires which wrought so much havoc were largely due to broken gas mains. But earthquake memories are short, and the economic reasons for a stone Tokyo may be stronger than the self-preservation reasons for a paper one.

EARTHQUAKE LOOT.

THE CASE OF YOKOHAMA.

Too little attention, the Japan Chronicle says, has been drawn to one of the greatest scandals of the recent catastrophe, namely, the failure of the Japanese Government to protect property after the earthquake and fire. Writing from the foreign angle, although this governmental failure undoubtedly has demonstrated its regard to all property involved, it is natural to emphasise foreign losses of the kind. It is now evident that no protection was given to foreigners against looting, and in strict equity the Government should be held responsible for all such losses. There is an increasing conviction in this sense among those who, in addition to losing their homes and sources of livelihood owing to the disaster, have lost all their remaining belongings due to government failure to function in the crisis. Official circles, both Japanese and foreign, are beginning to face this neglected problem.

Our contemporary is informed that three well-known residents of the port, on the morning of the 5th September, called on the Commandant of the Japanese troops stationed at the British Coal Depot. The following is what actually passed between them, in the words of one of them: "We had the greatest difficulty in getting into his presence. We finally succeeded and laid the case before him. He flatly refused any assistance, stating that in a few days soldiers would patrol the bluff. We explained that already houses had been looted and that only a night or two previously, ten robbers had been in my house, lifting most of our clothing and other and other valuables. This rather seemed to amuse the Commandant, and he said that he 'was very sorry for us.' The argument was put forth finally that if he sent one soldier to my house, he would have to send a soldier to guard every other house on the bluff. We explained that there were only one or two houses left standing. The Commandant finally dismissed the whole matter by saying that he could not do anything for us. We were very disappointed and discouraged, and left the Commandant and ascended the bluff to inspect some unburnt houses, but found they had been entirely looted. There was nothing of value left beyond furniture."

It is declared that one single foreign residence that withstood earthquake and fire was subsequently looted of property valued at upwards of ¥100,000, and from that instance the extent of the looting of foreigners may be visualised.

LOSSES FROM CUSTOMS GODOWNS.

The Osaka Jiji reports that from September 2nd to 3rd the Yokohama Customs and other warehouses were ransacked by looters and cleared of their contents, drugs, machinery—everything. Despite the strenuous efforts by the Army and the Civil Police to locate the stolen goods, a very small percentage has been recovered. The losses are estimated at ¥220,000,000 by the authorities, says the Jiji. It may be noted that the figures do not include the private property stolen from the safes at foreign firms, the lost from foreign and Japanese houses, and other losses from robbery.

JAPAN INSURANCE
PROBLEMS.

LONDON VIEWS.

From Home papers of September 13th we make the following extracts:

"The Marine Insurance Market still has hanging over it the possibility of serious losses caused by the Japanese disaster. A message received by Messrs. Alfred Holt & Co. from Kobe, indicating that 'some lighters were more or less damaged,' suggested that, as regards the risk of loss of goods in craft, matters might have been worse. The suggestion that British insurance companies with head offices in Hongkong and Shanghai must be very hard hit is not borne out by facts, and there is no reason for anticipating losses will be exceptionally heavy. In the non-marine market the reaction after the earthquake has resulted in a distinct stimulus to business in Japan and elsewhere. The rate charged appears to vary from £2 per cent. on locations in Kobe, about double the rate charged before the disaster, to £1 per cent. by Manila and 10s. per cent. in Shanghai and the Straits. The loss of £100,000 on the Grand Hotel, Yokohama, was carried at 30s. per cent. It was well spread over the market, being shared by Lloyd's and a leading company.

Heavy losses have been inflicted upon several Bradford export merchants by the Japanese catastrophe. Bradford firms have done trade with Japan this year to the value of over £4,000,000, and although most of the goods represented by this sum have been paid for, there are cases where firms have shipped big quantities of cloth in Japan, and had considerable quantities of such goods warehoused in Yokohama, and probably destroyed. Japanese buyers are enquiring cancellations of the orders.

The subject of insurable 'risks' is very much to the fore at the moment. Amongst others that have been done, we may note that a rate of 10s. per £100 for 12 months has been quoted on various 'risks' in the Federated Malay States.

THE LEGAL ASPECT.

The Law Journal discussing the Japanese catastrophe in relation to insurance states:

"Immense as are the consequences of the earthquake disaster in Japan, it is bound to have its repercussions in the legal world. Insurers and insured alike have interests which are wide-spread, and underwriters and insurance companies have their own special problems arising from the large extension of reinsurance risks which, in the case of Japanese concerns, are known to have been very freely undertaken. In many fire policies the earthquake risk has been expressly excluded, but this has rarely been done in the case of life insurances, and marine underwriters have not usually included it in their exception clauses.

The law on the subject was discussed very fully in the leading case of Total Broadhurst & Co. v. London & Lancashire Fire Insurance Company (1905), in which claims arising out of the fire at Kingston, Jamaica, after the great earthquake there, came up for consideration. The policies contained exceptions for the fall of buildings or damage by fire in consequence of earthquake, and the rule of law which was then laid down by Mr. Justice Bigham (now Lord Mersey) in his charge to the jury was that the onus of proof of the facts giving rise to the exception was on the insurers, and that if the first was set in operation by the earthquake, and then spread by natural causes without the intervention of any other cause, the spread by wind or by one thing catching fire from another, then the verdict must be for the defendant, and the jury so found in the case in question.

The general rule in insurance law which governs cases, where the loss is not occasioned by the direct action of fire, is that 'the proximate and not the remote cause of the loss is to be regarded,' and so if houses are blown up by the authorities to prevent the fire from spreading, or if property is stolen as a consequence of its withdrawal from the effective control of the assured on the happening of the fire, it is a loss within the policy, as the fire is regarded as the proximate cause.

'Special complications, of course, arise in the case of freight insurances, where goods are insured from warehouse to warehouse, and of ships in harbour, which may have been lost or damaged as the result of the disturbance caused by the earthquake, but the general principle applies also in these cases, and it is to be remembered always that the burden of bringing any claim within the exceptions is on the underwriters, and not on the assured.'

PROPOSED SHANGHAI
TEXTILE SCHOOL.

GLASGOW OPPOSITION.

The Glasgow Chamber of Commerce declared unanimously on September 10th that it was opposed to the use of part of the British share of the Boxer fund in the training of Chinese textile machinists. The President said the Manchester Chamber of Commerce had not expressed any strong opinion on the subject because its members included textile machinists. The position is, however, that the Manchester Chamber has referred the matter to the Executive Committee of the China and Far East Section, on which the Chamber's report for last April said: 'The leading Manchester firms who have interests in China are represented, and it was carefully considered. The result, however, was that they wished the money to be applied in the furtherance of a broader scheme. Special suggestions made included the education of Chinese in British schools and colleges in China, the establishment of a technical college in North-China for development of agriculture, agriculture, etc., the support of a few Chinese pursuing post-graduate medical work in China and to Chinese medical students, lectures in this country on Chinese life and customs, and scholarships for travel in China to be awarded to properly qualified young men of British birth.'

An Indian paper furnishes us with a recent specimen of 'English as it is written.' It is copy of a letter sent by a lady teacher to the Director of Education, Manila, and reads: 'Dear Sir, I have the honour to resignate as my works are many and my salary are few. Besides which my supervising teacher makes many things to me to which I only reply 'Oh no.' Oh no!—Very respectfully, Jose. Ana.'

ELECTION BRIBERY AT
PEKING.

INTERESTING LEGAL ACTION.

Mr. Shao Jui-Peng, a Member of the House of Representatives, who was given a cheque for five thousand dollars to vote for Marshal Tsao Kun in the coming Presidential Election, has taken legal action, the Far Eastern Times says, against the Peking election agents, Messrs. Kao Ling Wei, Wang Yu Chi, Chen Shou Chiang, Wu Ching-Lien and others.

In a petition submitted to the Peking District Procuratorate Mr. Shao says that on the 21st inst. he was given through Mr. Wang Lich, his fellow provincial and an M.P., a cheque for five thousand dollars to be drawn from the Tsao Lu Bank. The cheque was not fully dated and was signed 'Chieh Chi' and chopped.

According to Mr. Shao, the account, Messrs. Kao, Wang, Pien and Wu, have established their headquarters at Kan Shih Chiao in the West City of Peking where scandalous transactions, bribing the M.P.'s, have been going on. On the 21st inst. in the name of the 'Kan Shih Chiao Club' circulars were issued to more than five hundred M.P.'s inviting them to discuss some 'important matters,' that is, to receive cheques. Mr. Shao learns, as he says in the petition, that more than five hundred such cheques were prepared and some one hundred and ninety M.P.'s received them in person, while others were delivered through go-betweens. This was personally handled by the accused, Messrs. Kao, Wang, Pien and Wu.

When he was handed the cheque, Mr. Shao kept it and had both sides photographed. Copies of the photographs were enclosed in the petition. Mr. Shao points out that the accused have violated Articles 142, 83 and Section 2 of Article 150 of the Criminal Code and he requests the Procuratorate immediately to start investigations into the case. As Tsao Kun, Wang Chen Ping, Hsiung Ping Chi, Wu Yu Lin and Liu Meng Keng are military and naval men Mr. Shao is prepared to bring legal action against them at the Ministries of the Army and of the Navy.

Fearing that under the influence of the election agents in Peking the Court may not be able to do justice and have the case properly dealt with, Mr. Shao has sent out a circular telegram placing the case before the whole nation.

CHINA'S CUSTOMS REVENUE
DISAPPOINTING.

The Far Eastern Times (Peking), of October 4th says:

With reference to our announcement of yesterday that the net customs revenue for September, 1923, was less by Taels 400,000 than the net revenue for September 1922, we are now informed that the customs net revenue collection for the first nine months of this year is only about Shanghai Taels 3,200,000 over last year's net collection for the same period, while the cost of the foreign loans and the indemnity charged on this revenue, for the first nine months of this year, is Shanghai Taels 6,600,000 more than last year. The increase in the cost of these Foreign obligations for the first nine months of this year, as compared with last year, is therefore twice as large as the increase in the net revenue collection for the same period.

SHORT OF EXPECTATIONS.

From this above it is apparent that the effective 5 per cent. import tariff has not brought in the rich revenue harvest that was so confidently expected by some. This, of course, is partly due to world-wide depressed trade conditions, to the grave disorders that have prevailed, and still do prevail, in many provinces of China, to the boycott of Japanese goods that was so actively maintained during the summer, to the recent Japanese earthquake disaster, and to the general uncertainty owing to disturbed political conditions.

On the other hand the cost of the foreign loans and of the indemnity has risen owing to (I.) the fall in exchange, which is much below last year's level (II.) the large sums required to meet the Boxer Indemnity payments and (III.) the fact that the instalments for the redemption of the 1913 Reorganization Loan fell due from July this year.

It is evident that, unless a great increase in the revenue collected takes place, no drawings of loans in the Consolidated Loan Service can possibly take place before the end of the year; and it is even more evident that there will be no revenue surplus available for any purpose whatever.

NEW BRITISH WARSHIPS.
NINE 16-INCH GUNS IN TRIPLE
TURRETS.

Britain's two new battleships, Nelson and Rodney, will, it is stated in naval circles, each mount nine 16-inch guns in triple turrets—a form of mounting never before adopted in the British Navy.

Each gun will be able to hurl a shell weighing about 2,500lb., and capable of penetrating five feet of wrought iron.

The Nelson and Rodney will be unique in carrying nine triple-mounted guns of this size as compared with eight in foreign warships.

Triple turrets have been introduced to economise in weight owing to the restricted displacement laid down under the Washington naval agreement, though they were first used in the British Navy ten years ago when they were temporarily fitted in a monitor as an experiment. According to some gunnery experts they do not produce the most accurate and rapid firing.

Another feature of the new battleships will be special 'anti-flash' arrangements—so far a closely guarded secret—which embody the lessons of Jutland, where some British ships were sunk owing to shell flashes penetrating the magazines.

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THE BLARNEY STONE
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Continual kissing is wearing away this magic Stone of Blarney, says a correspondent in the 'Daily Mail' of September 1st. After years of comparative neglect the world of lovers are at it again—a good omen, surely, of peace and good will coming back to Ireland!

It is a big stone, but it is being worn smooth and hollow by countless millions of kisses. Today, after a lapse of twenty years, I saw scores of people performing the dangerous ritual, and it seemed to me that since my former visit the stone had suffered some partial diminution. It is only a small matter of thousands of centuries before it is kissed completely away.

Kissing the 'Blarney Stone' requires some show of courage. Not everyone who makes the long pilgrimage and climbs to the lofty battlements can find the nerve to stretch across that yawning chasm, take firm hold of the iron bars, confide one's legs to the safe custody of friends and onlookers, and stretch downwards and outwards on one's back for the chaste salute.

Three girls came with us to-day, and one of them, looking down, was so frightened that she could do no more than blow a hand-kiss from a safe distance.

The other two Americans did not hesitate. We men were each entrusted with an ankle, and one girl kissed the stone so long and so tenderly that it was a positive relief when we pulled her back at last into safety.

It is supposed and believed to bestow the gift of words eloquent, enchanting, and wonderful for all purposes, and especially for love.

One kiss is sufficient for a lifetime; but I know one tongue-tied lover who, though that, its effect, like strong drink, wore off in time. He kissed the stone on six different occasions; when the opportunity for a proposal had come he found himself each time without inspiration and as tongue-tied as before. At last he contrived to take the girl to Blarney and leaving her in one of the beautiful groves which surround the place, he rushed off to the battlements, kissed it, and coming quickly down, proposed and was accepted. Soon he was kissing something more responsive than a stone.

Some say that the stone got its enchantment from the magic of some medieval witch. Others declare that it is the very stone which served Jacob for a pillow when he saw the vision of angels ascending and descending on the heavenly ladder.

Whether the legends are true or false, lovers of all nations will go on believing in its magic and will continue to kiss it.

WOMEN AND DOMESTIC
SERVICE.

'NOT AN INSTINCT.'

The capacity for domestic work is not necessarily a latent instinct in women, states the second interim report, issued last month, of the Central Committee on Women's Training and Employment.

The committee was appointed in 1920 to devise and carry out special schemes of work and training for unemployed women, and the report reviews their activities up to the end of last year.

The recruits for homecraft training were mainly obtained from factory workers, needle trade workers, clerks, and shop assistants, and in spite of careful selection the assumption that domestic service can be followed by every unemployed able-bodied woman was not borne out by their experience, the committee state. Loneliness is the difficulty which the women find hardest to overcome.

Those who were able to overcome it and remain in domestic work for at least three months are in the majority of cases, permanent recruits to the occupation.

The separation from home ties and interests, the loss of fellowship of factory and workshop, the necessary curtailment of hours of liberty, together with the acceptance of unfamiliar conventions entailed in the entering of homes of other people, were all constituent parts of the problem of preparing new recruits for domestic service.

Many mistresses showed sympathy and understanding of the home-sickness and loneliness which have proved to be so real obstacles to these women, and arranged that their new servants should be given opportunities for social intercourse.

A study of the evidence has convinced the Committee that the personal element is a dominating factor in the domestic service problem, and that it is in itself a psychological problem rather than merely a question of the demand and supply.

Up to the end of last December 2,538 domestic outfits had been provided at an average cost of £2. 12s. 3d.

Of the total number of women who entered, resident domestic service 86.3 per cent. had remained in this occupation.

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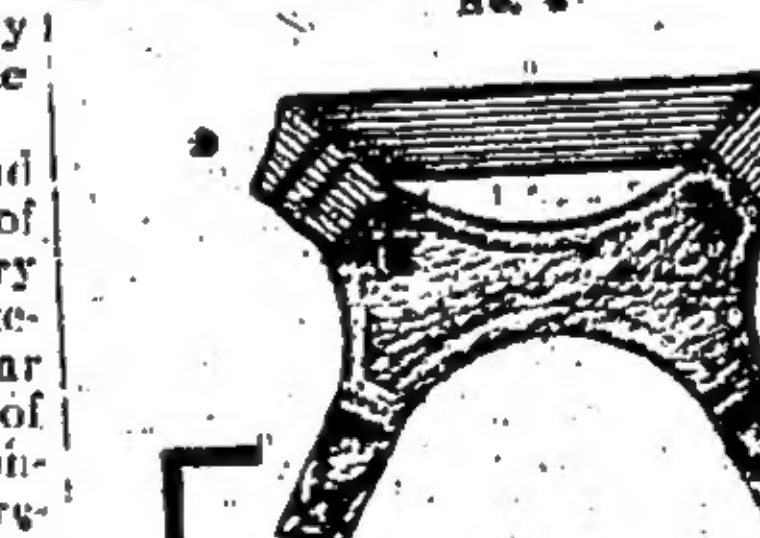
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GRAND LODGE AT LIVERPOOL. RELIEF FOR JAPAN. SPECIAL FESTIVAL IN 1925.

The St. George's Hall at Liverpool was crowded to its utmost capacity on Sept. 5th when, for the first time in the history of organized Freemasonry, the United Grand Lodge of England met outside London, under the presidency of Lord Amphil, the Pro-Grand Master.

Grand Lodge in December of last year made a change in the Book of Constitutions by which it was provided that the quarterly meetings in March, June, and December shall be held in London, while the meeting in September shall be held in such places as may from time to time be decided by the Grand Master, the Duke of Connaught. At the quarterly communication of June it was announced that the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire had extended an invitation for the September meeting to be held in Liverpool, and that the Grand Master had signified his desire that it should be held in that city accordingly. As showing the interest evoked by the new departure, it was reported to Grand Lodge that over 3,500 applications to be present had been received from brethren qualified to attend, and as St. George's Hall could not accommodate for such an occasion more than 2,500, an appointment of places had had to be made with a view to securing an equitable and widespread representation of the lodges.

The report of the Board of General Purposes, which was adopted on the motion of the President, Sir Alfred Robbins, stated that complete success had attended the visit of the Pro-Grand Master, Lord Amphil, and other Grand Officers, to Canada in July. A report on the visit is being drawn up for submission to the Grand Master, and is to be circulated to Grand Lodge in due course. The report also stated that a number of lodges have received copies of an address given under the auspices of a Masonic body not recognized by the United Grand Lodge of England having reference to a matter which is one of international politics. The circulation of such a document in the lodges, it was added, is a violation of the immemorial and invariable rule of English Freemasonry to take no part in the affairs of State, whether national or international, and the Board trusts that all such attempts at political propaganda among Masons as such will cease.

The report continued:—"The Board once more appeals to the brethren generally to take every means in their power to discountenance the use of advertisement in any form in connection with the craft. It repeats the conviction that it is in the highest degree undesirable that endeavours should be made in this way to secure personal, professional, or sectional advantage, while any attempted association of Masonry with business development is always to be deplored. In this connection it would emphatically deprecate the exhibition in public of Masonic certificates, which are sometimes shown on business premises for what can only be considered trade purposes."

It was added that there has of late been brought to the knowledge of the Board an increase in the practice of circulating to leading brethren in various parts of the country begging letters professing to be issued by Masons in distressed circumstances, and even going to the length of enclosing promissory notes, already stamped, seeking for immediate pecuniary aid. In one instance, which has been investigated, the writer of such a letter had no account open at the bank on which the note was drawn, and the Board suggests that in all such cases the brethren appealed to should at once forward the communication to the Grand Secretary, as this would be the means of stopping a practice which in an especial degree is derogatory to Freemasonry.

A report was presented by Sir Alfred Robbins, as chairman of the special committee of Grand Lodge, on the Masonic Million Peace Memorial Fund, stating that it had under its careful consideration a detailed report upon suggestions for plans and designs for the proposed new building in Great Queen Street. Confidence was expressed that previous to the next quarterly communication in December it will be in a position to lay before Grand Lodge a statement which will enable such plans to be invited. It was added that there had been appointed a sub-committee to frame the preliminary plans for a special festival in aid of the fund, at which the Grand Master has expressed his hope to preside, and the committee trusted that it will be possible, with the consent of the Grand Master, to hold the festival in the summer of early autumn of 1925.

After Lord Amphil had made a sympathetic reference to the Japanese earthquake disaster and mentioned that English lodges met in Tokyo and Yokohama, Grand Lodge unanimously decided to vote a sum of 2,000 guineas from its fund of benevolence towards the relief of the distress caused by the earthquake.

On the motion of Sir Alfred Robbins, seconded by Sir Frederick Halsey, Lord Amphil was advised to allow his full-length portrait to be painted and hung in Freemasons' Hall in recognition of his services for thirty-two years as Provincial Grand Master of Bedfordshire and for fifteen years as Pro Grand Master. Mr. Edward Lowther was nominated as Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.—Times.

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| HAIPHONG via HOIHOW | | "YATSHING" ... Friday, 19th Oct. D.L. |
| MANILA | | "WINGSANG" ... Friday, 19th Oct. 3 p.m. |
| HAIPHONG via HOIHOW | | "LEESANG" ... Saturday, 20th Oct. 10 a.m. |
| SANDAKAN | | "HINSANG" ... Saturday, 20th Oct. 3 p.m. |
| TSINGTAU via SWATOW | | "HOSANG" ... Monday, 22nd Oct. 3 p.m. |
| SHANGHAI via SWATOW | | "TINGSANG" ... Wednesday, 24th Oct. D.L. |
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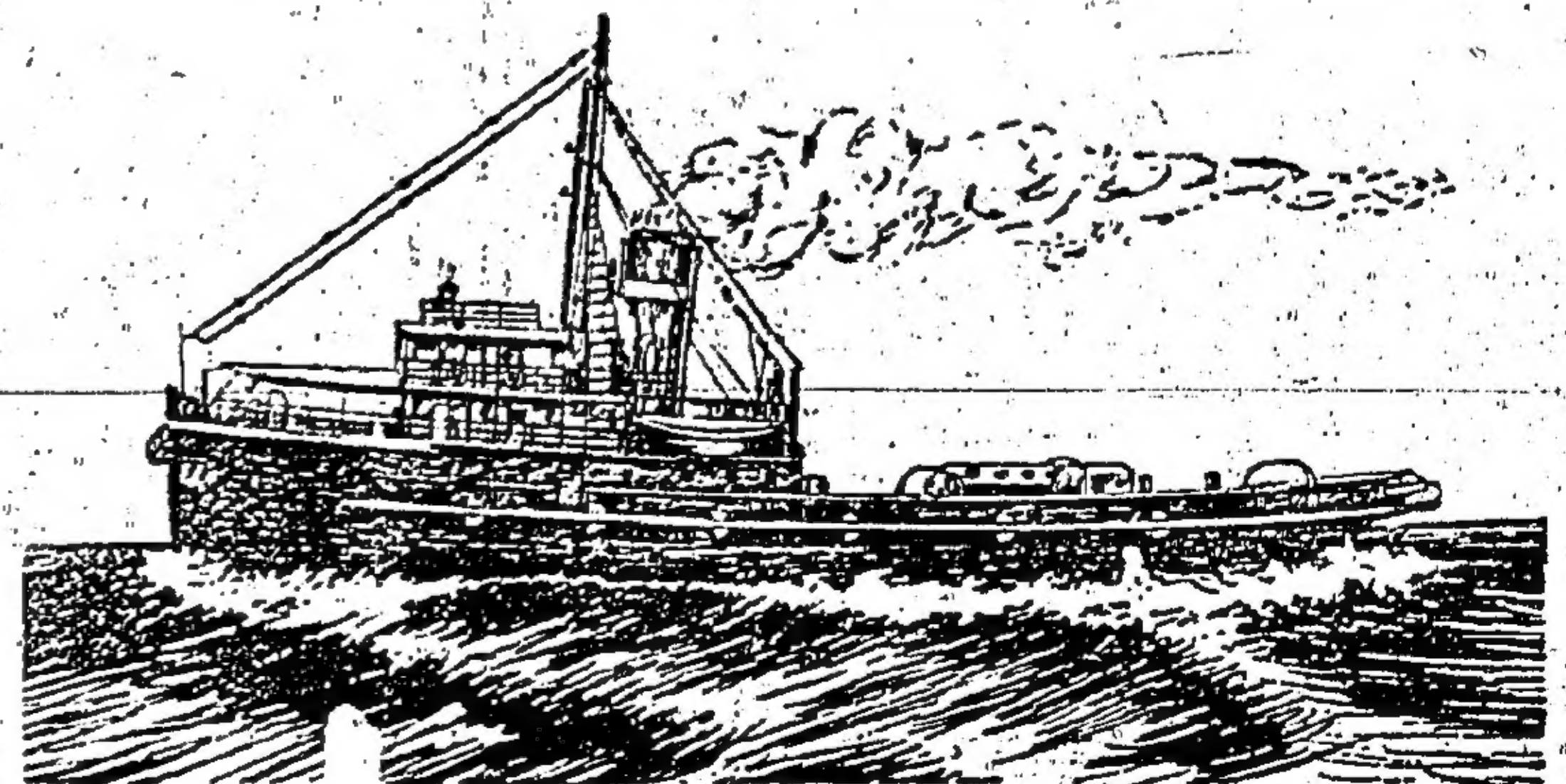
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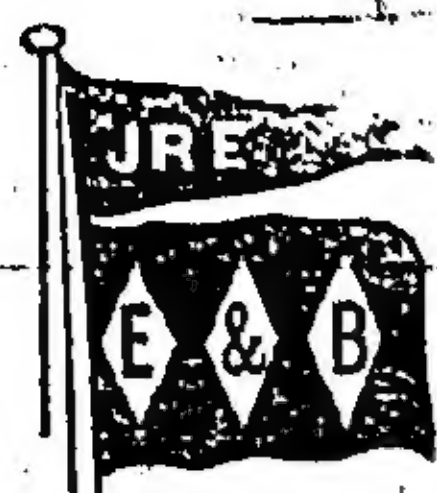
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| "NELORE" | 8,883 | 8th Nov. | Mars. London & Antwerp. |
| "SICILIA" | 6,813 | 14th Nov. | Spore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay. |
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| "RHIVA" | 9,097 | 11th Jan. | (MARSEILLES & LONDON) |
| "CALEDONIA" | 11,089 | 25th Jan. | via Usual Ports of Call. |
| "KASGAR" | 8,840 | 8th Feb. | do. |
| "MOREA" | 10,911 | 22nd Feb. | do. |
| "KARNATA" | 9,068 | 7th March | do. |
| "NALDERA" | 15,893 | 21st March | do. |
| "DELTA" | 8,097 | 4th April | do. |
| "CHINA" | 7,652 | 18th April | do. |
| "KALYAN" | 9,062 | 2nd May | do. |
| "KASHMIR" | 8,960 | 16th May | do. |

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| "KALYAN" | 9,062 | 15th Oct., Noon | Shanghai, Moji & Kobe. |
| "CALEDONIA" | 7,822 | 19th Oct. | Shanghai. |
| "NYANZA" | 7,023 | 25th Oct. | Shanghai, Moji & Kobe. |
| "SICILIA" | 6,813 | 2nd Nov. | Shanghai. |
| "DEVANHA" | 8,092 | 3rd Nov. | Shanghai, Moji & Kobe. |
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| AMOY & SHANGHAI | "SUIYANG" | On 16th Oct., D.L. |
| SWATOW & BANGKOK | "KALGAN" | On 16th Oct., 10 a.m. |
| AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE | "KILANGHONG" | On 17th Oct., D.L. |
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| NEWHONG | "KWANGTUNG" | On 23rd Oct., 10 a.m. |
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INWARD MAILS

| FROM | PER | DATE |
|---|-----------------|-----------|
| SHANGHAI | Swire | 13th Oct. |
| U.S.A., CANADA, JAPAN AND SHANGHAI | Pres. Jackson | 14th Oct. |
| SHANGHAI | City of Korea | 15th Oct. |
| EUROPE via Negapatam (Papers only) | | |
| (London 13th Sept.) | | |
| London letters via Brindisi, 13th Sept. | | |
| EUROPE via Suez (Letters and papers) | | |
| (London 20th Sept. & (Papers) 13th Sept.) | | |
| CANADA, U.S.A., JAPAN AND SHANGHAI | Empress of Asia | 21st Oct. |
| SEATTLE | Kohori Maru | 21st Oct. |

OUTWARD MAILS

| FOR | PER | DATE |
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| Hongkong and Haiphong | Lehigh | Saturday, 13th, 8.00 A.M. |
| Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central & South America, EUROPE via VICTORIA, B.C. | Pres. Jackson | Letter, 8.30 A.M. |
| due Victoria, B.C. 1st Nov. | | |
| Swatow | Swire | 8.00 A.M. |
| Java via Surabaya | Typhoon | 10.30 A.M. |
| Saigon (Letters & parcels) | Armenian | 5.00 P.M. |
| Marques & Durban | Shantung | 5.00 P.M. |
| Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., Central & South America, EUROPE via SAN FRANCISCO | Pres. Wilson | Monday, 15th, 8.00 A.M. |
| due San Francisco, 6th Nov. | | |
| Samahai and Wuchow | Tai Ming | Sunday, 14th, 10.00 A.M. |
| Formosa, Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central & South America, EUROPE via VICTORIA, B.C. | Naga Maru | Monday, 15th, 8.45 A.M. |
| due Victoria, B.C. 1st Nov. | | |
| Shanghai | Fockwind | 10.30 A.M. |
| Saigon, Amoy, Ceylon, Mauritius, India, Europe via Suez | Cordillera | Registration, 1.45 P.M. |
| via Dhanushkodi, Aden, Egypt and Suez, 15th Nov. | | |
| Swatow | Hydralis | 5.00 P.M. |
| Wei Hai Wei | Kieichon | 5.00 P.M. |
| Amoy | Saigun | 5.00 P.M. |
| Manila | Pres. Jefferson | Tuesday, 16th, 3.30 P.M. |
| Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 28th Oct. | Yokohama | Wednesday, 17th, 8.45 A.M. |
| Swatow, Amoy and Formosa | Suna Maru | 8.30 A.M. |
| Saigon, Ceylon, Mauritius, India, South Africa, India via D'Kodi & Bombay | Southern | 9.00 A.M. |

*Correspondence bearing vessels' name only

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LONDON SERVICE

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| "ELPENOR" | 17th Oct. | London, Rotterdam & Hamburg. |
| "ATREUS" | 30th Oct. | London, Rotterdam & Hamburg. |
| "TEIRESIAS" | 6th Nov. | London, Rotterdam & Hamburg. |
| "ADRASTUS" | 13th Nov. | London, Rotterdam & Antwerp. |

LIVERPOOL SERVICE

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| "MEMNON" | 30th Oct. | Genoa, Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow. |
| "BORYPILUS" | 1st Nov. | Marseilles, Harve, Liverpool & Glasgow. |
| "OANFA" | 20th Nov. | Genoa, Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow. |

PACIFIC SERVICE

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| "TYNDAREUS" | 27th Oct. | Victoria, Seattle & Vancouver. |
| "PROTESILAUS" | 20th Nov. | Victoria, Seattle & Vancouver. |

NEW YORK SERVICE

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| "ALCINOUS" | 25th Oct. | via Suez and Boston. |
| "TRUCER" | 15th Nov. | via Suez and Boston. |

PASSENGER SERVICE

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| "TEIRESIAS" | 6th Nov. | for Singapore & London. |
| "SARPEDON" | 12th Nov. | for Shanghai. |
| "SARPEDON" | 11th Dec. | for Singapore, Marseilles & London. |
| "PATROCLUS" | 8th Jan. | for Singapore, Marseilles & London. |
| "MENOR" | 12th Feb. | for Singapore & London. |

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17th Oct. 1923

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Loans granted on approved securities.

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Deposits received at rates which may be

ascertained on application.

The Bank also conducts a Savings

Department.

K. C. LAU, Chief Manager.

17th Oct. 1923

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COMMERCIAL.

OPENING QUOTATIONS.

11th October, 1923.

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| ON LONDON— | |
| Telegraphic Transfer | 2/3 1/2 |
| Bank Bills, on demand | 2/3 3/4 |
| Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight | 2/3 1/2 |
| Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight | 2/3 1/2 |
| Credits, at 4 months' sight | 2/3 1/2 |
| Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight | 2/4 1/2 |
| ON PARIS— | |
| Bank Bills, on demand | 84 1/2 |
| Credits, 4 months' sight | 84 1/2 |
| ON NEW YORK— | |
| Bank Bills, on demand | 51 1/2 |
| Credits, at 30 days' sight | 52 1/2 |
| ON BOHAI— | |
| Telegraphic Transfer | 168 |
| Bank Bills, on demand | 168 |
| ON CALCUTTA— | |
| Telegraphic Transfer | 168 |
| Bank Bills, on demand | 168 |
| ON SHANGHAI— | |
| Bank Bills, at sight | nom. |
| Private, 30 days' sight | nom. |
| ON YOKOHAMA—On demand | 10 1/2 |
| ON MANILA—On demand | 10 1/2 |
| ON SINGAPORE—On demand | 96 1/2 |
| ON BATAVIA—On demand | 133 1/2 |
| ON HAIIPHONG—On demand | nom. |
| ON SAIGON—On demand | 82 |
| ON BANGKOK—On demand | 82 |
| SOVEREIGN, 100 francs, buying rate | 8.50 |
| GOLD LEAF, 100 francs, per ton | 49 |
| BANK SILVER, per oz. | 31 1/2 |

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Paid-up Capital: £30,000,000
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Sterling: £24,500,000
Silver: £24,500,000
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Hongkong, 3rd October, 1923.

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N. C. WILSON, Manager.

Hongkong, September 28th, 1923.

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THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE: No. 10, Des Voeux Road C.

Established 1919.

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For 36 months at the rate of 9 per cent. per annum

For 42 months at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum

For 48 months at the rate of 11 per cent. per annum

For 54 months at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum

For 60 months at the rate of 13 per cent. per annum

For 66 months at the rate of 14 per cent. per annum

For 72 months at the rate of 15 per cent. per annum

For 78 months at the rate of 16 per cent. per annum

For 84 months at the rate of 17 per cent. per annum

For 90 months at the rate of 18 per cent. per annum

For 96 months at the rate of 19 per cent. per annum

For 102 months at the rate of 20 per cent. per annum

For 108 months at the rate of 21 per cent. per annum

For 114 months at the rate of 22 per cent. per annum

For 120 months at the rate of 23 per cent. per annum

For 126 months at the rate of 24 per cent. per annum

For 132 months at the rate of 25 per cent. per annum

For 138 months at the rate of 26 per cent. per annum

For 144 months at the rate of 27 per cent. per annum

For 150 months at the rate of 28 per cent. per annum

For 156 months at the rate of 29 per cent. per annum

For 162 months at the rate of 30 per cent. per annum

For 168 months at the rate of 31 per cent. per annum

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